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**UTILITY
PATENT APPLICATION
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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.

0862.022227.1

First Named Inventor or Application Identifier

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-14501. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.3. ☒ Specification Total Pages **47**4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) Total Sheets **15**5. ☒ Oath or Declaration Total Pages **1**a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed Statement attached deleting
inventor(s) named in the prior application, see
37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).6. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.767. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer
Program (Appendix)8. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)

b. Specification Sequence Listing on:

i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); orii. ☐ paperc. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)12. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☒ Copies of IDS
Citations13. ☒ Preliminary Amendment14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)16. ☐ Other: _____

17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No. 09/858,964, filed May 17, 2001
Prior application information: Examiner D. Ben Esplin Group/Art Unit: 2851

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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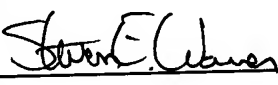
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CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	12-20 =	0	X \$ 84.00 =	\$0.00
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	2-3 =	0	X \$ 84.00 =	\$0.00
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))			\$280.00 =	\$0.00
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))	\$770.00
			Total of above Calculations =		\$770.00
	Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				
	TOTAL =				\$770.00

19. Small entity status
- a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed
- b. ☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. ☐ Is no longer claimed.
20. ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
21. ☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the recordal fee is enclosed.
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- a. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
- b. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17.
- c. ☐ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.18.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED	
NAME	Steven E. Warner
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DATE	October 2, 2003

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Previous Examiner: D. Ben Esplin
Hiroshi KUROSAWA)	
	:	Previous Group Art Unit: 2851
Application No.: Divisional of Application No.)	
09/858,964, filed May 17, 2001	:	
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Filed: October 2, 2003	:	
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For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS, MAINTENANCE	:	October 2, 2003
METHOD THEREFOR, SEMICONDUCTOR)	
DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD, AND:		
SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING)	
FACTORY	:	

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

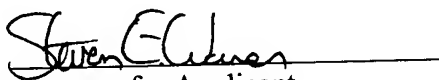
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
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TOTAL CLAIMS	12	MINUS	20	= 0	x \$ 9 \$18	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	MINUS	3	0	x \$42 \$84	\$0.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$140/\$280						--
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT---						\$ 0.00

- ☐ Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 CFR 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the Extension fee for response within one (1) additional month is enclosed.
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- ☒ Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address listed below.

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